



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994
133 S. Fitzhugh St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

Liebeck Farm

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 132 Gates Greece Town Line Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒ 258 Mobile Dr.
5. PRESENT OWNER: Louis & Deborah Berardi ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: farm/residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: vinyl siding.
Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = cast concrete blocks.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This is a nice farmstead with the whole complex of barns and outbuildings. The house is almost spartan and simple. The entire complex has a rather spartan quality. This is a marvelous group of buildings - you have to wonder if the whole thing will remain intact. As it is, it's a straight 'red' - a 'minus' for the siding. In the town of Greece it is a rarity to have a whole intact farmstead." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Red minus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☐ b. zoning ☒ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☒ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☒ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒ - 2
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☒ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous & coniferous trees/shrubs
j. other: chicken coop, milkhouse
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☒
c. scattered buildings ☒
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: uncultivated fields to north
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1902 - 1924
- ARCHITECT: not determined
- BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: agricultural : former farm residence and outbuildings.

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Contemporary (c. 1980s-90s) vinyl siding has been installed over the original wood cladding.

A contemporary deck and stairs is located on the northwest corner of the house.

The interior has been divided into two apartments (c. 1980s).

17. This early 20th-century farm complex is located on a 5.5-acre parcel on the south side of Gates Greece Town Line Road in the southwest quadrant of the town. Several agricultural outbuildings of various dates of construction are located north and northeast of the house. A driveway is located to the east of the house. Open fields and woodlands are located to the west, north, and east of the house. The Erie Canal lies farther north, beyond the rear property line. The south side of the road is more densely developed with early and mid 20th-century houses.

18. Two-and-one-half-story, side-gabled frame farmhouse (c. 1902-1924) with one-story, gable-roofed rear wing. The main section is three-bays wide by two-bays deep. The house stands on a cast concrete block foundation. Exterior walls which are now clad in vinyl siding were probably originally clad in wood shingles/clapboard. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical with mostly 1/1, double-hung windows. A Chicago-style picture window with leaded glass transom and a small, rectangular window with diamond-paned glass are located on the facade (south elevation). A window bay with shed roof is located on the west elevation.

The side gables feature pent roof enclosures across the bottom of the gable. A gabled dormer is located on the south slope of the house.

A one-story porch extends across the facade of the house. It features a shed roof, round columns on cast concrete block piers and an open wood railing with straight balusters. The porch skirting consists of decorative lattice-work screens below the deck.

The one-and-one-half-story north wing includes similar fenestration. A secondary entrance with contemporary steps

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and porch is on the east elevation.

In addition to the historic farmhouse, the property is distinguished for its fine collection of agricultural outbuildings including:

Contributing gambrel-roofed barn (c. 1902-1924) with additions is located directly north of the house. This large banked barn is clad with narrow, vertical wood siding and has a metal roof topped with a square cupola. It stands on a stone foundation. The north elevation features a banked slope leading up to sliding track doors. Adjacent to the west elevation of this barn is a ceramic tile silo. Attached to the south (front) elevation of the large barn is a long, projecting, south wing. It consists of a two-story, gabled, center section and a one-story, gabled, end section. Both are clad in narrow, vertical wood siding. The center section stands on a stone foundation.

Contributing garage (early/mid-1900s) located north of the house. This gabled, one-and-one-half-story building is constructed of ceramic tiles. It appears to be used as a garage/storage, but may have had a different use originally (milkhouse? ice house? workshop?). Its gabled roof is topped by a square cupola and there are a number of multi-paned windows.

Contributing shed (early/mid-1900s, milkhouse?) located northeast of the house. This smaller, gabled building is constructed of ceramic tiles and includes a 1/2-story, shed-roofed north addition. A two-paneled, wood door is located on the west elevation. Because of its size and materials (tile), it may have been used originally as a milkhouse.

Contributing chicken coop (early/mid-1900s) located northeast of the house. The long chicken coop is a shed-roofed frame building.

20. The Liebeck Farm is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as an outstanding historic farm property with the original farmhouse (c. 1902-1924), several agricultural outbuildings and a portion of the original acreage intact.

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It is also historically significant for its associations with the agricultural heritage of Greece. The property, with surrounding open fields and woodlands, retains its original rural character and setting.

The two-and-one-half-story, side-gabled house with rear wing is representative of the typical vernacular farmhouse built in Greece during the early-20th century. Though the house is vernacular in form, its front porch and round posts were inspired by the Colonial Revival style. This style of house, of which there are many examples in the Rochester area, was constructed from the 1890s through the 1930s. Except for the installation of the vinyl siding, the historic design of this house is largely intact. Should the synthetic siding be removed in the future and the original wood siding repaired, the architectural significance of this building would be enhanced.

The 1902 county map shows a large 200-acre parcel of land here owned by John A. Liebeck. The northern property line is along Big Ridge Rd. (now Ridgeway Ave.), where a building is shown. This building may be the original farmhouse for the Liebeck Farm. The acreage extends south, crossing the Erie Canal and continues south, beyond the location of the present Gates Greece Town Line Road (which had not yet been laid out). Walker Road (now Long Pond Rd.) is to the east.

The present house and barn are first indicated on the 1924 county map, where Town Line Road is also shown for the first time. John Liebeck is still listed as the owner. The large farm shown in 1902, however, now consists of a smaller 96.75-acre parcel, whose northern property line is the canal (not Ridgeway Avenue). The intersection of the new Barge Canal and the old canal (with the junction lock) is located at the northeast corner of this property. To the east, Walker Rd. has been re-named Mitchell Road (now Long Pond Rd.). The frame house is indicated and two attached outbuildings are located to its northeast. The 1930 suburban directory shows John A. and Clara Liebeck with children, Hilda and Richard here on Town Line Road; John Liebeck is listed as a farmer.

The 1959 county map shows this site as #132 Town Line Road. The property is 500' wide and 500' deep. The house, large gambrel barn, tile silo, tile shed and gabled outbuilding are indicated. A 71.73-acre parcel to the north (and bordering the canal) is owned by "E.Kodak."

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The survival of the historic agricultural outbuildings greatly contributes to the integrity of the setting. The earliest outbuilding on the property appears to be the large gambrel barn. By the late-19th century, gambrel-roofed barns became the dominant barn type on most farms. The gambrel roof provided greater storage space and could accommodate larger hay crops and farm machinery. Other contributing outbuildings on the property include the ceramic tile garage, the ceramic tile shed, the ceramic tile silo, and the chicken coop. An important feature of this site is its collection of distinctive ceramic tile buildings. These buildings represent the best intact grouping of ceramic tile farm architecture in the town.

Agricultural structures are quickly vanishing from the town's landscape, victims of new development, deterioration, abandonment, or fire. Those agricultural complexes which have survived, such as the Liebeck Farm, are becoming rare and thus highly significant historic structures. The farmhouse and the agricultural support structures are important visual reminders of the town's agricultural heritage.

21. See final report for bibliography.

